

Lady Lions fall to Pitt-Greensburg on buzzer-beating shot

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The women's basketball team endured a setback this week when it lost to AMCC foe Pitt-Greensburg on Wednesday, but managed to pick up a win against La Roche on Saturday.

On Wednesday, the AMCC first place Lady Lions traveled to Pitt-Greensburg for a game with the second place team in the conference.

The Behrend squad opened the game well and got out to a 26-21 lead at halftime.

In the second half the game remained very tight and neither team built much of a lead. With 3.7 seconds left, junior forward Amber Krumpe put the Lady Lions up 71-69.

At the buzzer, though, Greensburg's Annie Sral hit a three pointer to seal the victory for the Lady Bobcats, 72-71.

The leading scorer for Behrend was freshman guard Brittany Mays with 22 points and six rebounds. Senior guard Carly Cochran added 16 points.

The previous Saturday, the Lady Lions played host to La Roche in another AMCC match up. The Behrend squad opened strongly, jumping out to a 32-16 lead at halftime.

The Lady Redhawks came out after the intermission playing a stronger defensive game, holding Behrend to only 17 points in the second half. The Behrend women also had a weak 26.9 FG percentage in the second half.

It was not enough, though, to gain much ground on the Lady Lions' lead as they came away with the 49-35 victory.

Behrend was led by junior forward Amber Krumpe and freshman forward Tenesha Aden with 10 points apiece. Aden also picked up nine rebounds in the game. La Roche's leading scorer was JaNet Walston with 12 points.

The win salvaged a week in which the Lady Lions dropped to 13-5 overall, 5-1 in the AMCC. The loss to Pitt-Greensburg also dropped Behrend into a tie for the conference lead with the Lady Bobcats. It also broke the seven-game winning streak that the Behrend squad had going.

Although the loss was disappointing for the team, they are still in the hunt for the conference title.

One of the keys to the team's success has been stellar defensive play by the entire team. The Lady Lions lead the AMCC in several defensive categories, including scoring defense, field goal defense and rebounding defense.

While basketball is always a team game, it seems to be even more evident on the Behrend squad as there is no player leading in an individual category in the AMCC statistics.

Also, in the last five games, the leading scorer has been someone different every time. This unselfishness on the team has contributed heavily to the Lady Lions winning eight straight games and 13 of their last 15.

The Behrend squad will continue its AMCC season by traveling to



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In Wednesday's loss to Pitt-Greensburg, the leading scorer was Brittany Mays with 22 points and six rebounds.

Penn State Altoona on Saturday for their second matchup this season with Altoona. Behrend won the first game the teams played on Jan. 10 by a 66-61 score. They will then host Pitt-Bradford on the following Wednesday

Senior spotlight: Carrie Smock



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Beacon: What is your best sports memory?

Smock: Conference tournament semifinal game against Pitt-Greensburg. We won in a shootout. It was an awesome game.

Beacon: What is your best memory off the field/out of the water?

Smock: Too many to name! I love all the people that I train with. There are so many crazy memories from soccer and swimming!!

Beacon: What are your plans after graduation?

Smock: Not sure yet. Thinking about getting my teaching certificate from Pitt but I might take some time off to figure out if that's what I really want to do

Beacon: How hard is it to play two very competitive, very time-consuming sports?

Smock: Umm... Well it's very physically demanding. I wouldn't really say that it's that hard though. It's all about time management.

Beacon: How do you balance schoolwork, sports and a social life?

Smock: Well I make sure that I get my work done before I have fun, and sometimes I try and do work ahead of time so I have less to worry about and so I actually have some time to relax.

Beacon: What's the best thing about each of your respective teams?

Smock: Hmm ... well for both teams I would say that I have met 40 people (or however many there are) that will stay with me no

matter where I go in life. Each and everyone of them has made a lasting impression on me and taught me something new about life. Being on two teams you get to see a variety of personalities and I think that's what makes it so great for me. The team chemistry for both teams is just amazing.

Beacon: Is there anything in your career at Behrend you would do over or would like to have seen a different outcome?

Smock: There isn't a thing that I would change. I have met so many people, made life-long friendships, kept life-long friendships and have had so many crazy memories. I think that this college experience has shaped the person I have become and I'm happy with that.

Beacon: What's a little known fact or talent about you?

Smock: I have two amazing parents that have always supported me in everything I do and always wanted me to be the best that I could be. Most of my successes are products of their love and support.

Beacon: Do you find it an advantage/disadvantage to going to college so close to home?

Smock: I look at it two ways: I think it's an advantage because I saved a lot of money by living off campus; I think of it as a disadvantage because I think I am more distracted at home. I think if I lived on campus or was away at school that I would get my homework done easier without interruptions.

Beacon: How often do you read the Beacon?

Smock: I try and read it every week.

Smock is able to balance school, soccer and swimming

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